

**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of        | ) |                      |
| BARRY CAHILL-O'BRIEN et al. | ) | Examiner: A. Wong    |
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| Serial No.: 10/591,995      | ) | Art Unit: 2612       |
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| Confirmation No.: 6409      | ) | Account No.: 04-1403 |
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| For: FREQUENCY SHIFT        | ) |                      |
| COMPENSATION, SUCH AS FOR   | ) |                      |
| USE IN A WIRELESS UTILITY   | ) |                      |
| METER READING ENVIRONMENT   | ) |                      |

**Response to Restriction/Election First Office Action**  
**Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner of Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Honorable Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111, and in response to the initial Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, based on the Election and remarks set forth herein. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the present response includes the following sections.

- **A LISTING OF THE CURRENT CLAIMS** is presented beginning on page 2 of this paper; and
- **REMARKS** begin on page 11 of this paper.